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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 as specified by § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-0310, for this Information Disclosure Statement under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. The documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 are in a language other than English and are as follows:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 5-294005: the relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English Abstract and from the discussion beginning at page 4 of the specification.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-209596: the relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English Abstract and from the discussion beginning at page 4 of the specification.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-199109: the relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English Abstract and from the discussion beginning at page 5 of the specification.

Applicant notes that these three Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications were included in the IDS filed in this application on June 18, 2001. To satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for foreign language documents for these documents, portions of the instant application's specification that refer to the documents were cited to in that previously-filed IDS. Because the Examiner did not consider these foreign language documents, as indicated by the lines drawn through these citations in the PTO-Form 1449 executed by the Examiner on 9/20/02, they are being resubmitted with this IDS. As for relevance, in addition to the portions of the instant application's specification cited above, copies of the English language Abstracts for each of these documents are now also attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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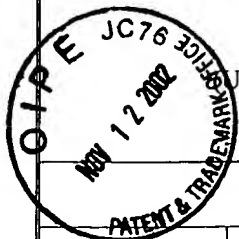
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		5-294005	Nov. 9, 1993	Japan			Abstract only	
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